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1. At Sofia there is an armored barracks which was an officers' school known as Skola Zapesni Officiri until the end of World War II. An Infantry regiment then took it over. The barracks is in the Losevec quarter of the city. Part of it is now occupied by armored troops and part by infantry. The part occupied by armored troops consists of: a four-story building, 35 by 125 m, quarters; a four-story building, 27 by 55 m, quarters; an office-and-quarters building, four-story, 35 by 150 m; a four-story quarters building, 25 by 50 m, with garages and depots.

2. It is now occupied by an armored regiment, consisting of a commander and staff, a shop company, a train company, and two battalions, each with two companies. Total strength is 950 to 1,000 men. The regiment has 55 or 60 T-3485 tanks. The auto part consists of: 2 shop cars; 2 tank cars, 3,500 liters apiece; 1 tank recovery vehicle; 5 jeeps; 4 Soviet personnel carriers; 8 Soviet motorcycles; six 5-ton troop carriers; twenty-two or twenty-three 3.5-ton trucks.

3. The men received six weeks of shortened infantry instruction before getting any tank training.

4. The infantry section of the barracks consists of a five-story quarters-and-office building, 35 x 170 m; a four-story quarters building; a three-story quarters building, 45 x 75 m.

5. The area is now occupied by an infantry battalion of 550 to 600 men.

6. There are also now stationed at Sofia another infantry regiment and an artillery regiment.

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